

REMARKS

Claims 38-45 and 47-53 are currently pending in this application. Claim 38 has been amended and claim 46 has been canceled. Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for a telephonic interview with Applicants' counsel on September 2, 2005. During the interview, the Examiner and Applicants' counsel discussed the rejection of claims 38-53 and the allowable subject matter proposed by the Examiner in the Office Action. Applicants have amended claim 38 as discussed and agreed to by the Examiner during the interview. For example, the term "consisting essentially of" was replaced by "comprises"; the macromer weight percent was changed from at least 10% (wt/wt) to at least 5% (wt/wt), with support for the amendment provided below; and the term "vinyl" was replaced with "ethylenically unsaturated." Support for the amendments can be found at pages 6 and 20-24 of the specification and in canceled claim 46. For example, support for the recitation of at least 5% (wt/wt) of the macromer can be found in the specification at page 22, lines 3-5 and in the examples in Table 2 at page 26.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the obviousness rejection of claims 38-45 and 46-53 over Zajaczkowski (US Patent No. 5,726,250) in view of Hubbell (US Patent No. 5,410,016) and over Zajaczkowski in view of Jarrett et al. (WO 98/12243). Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

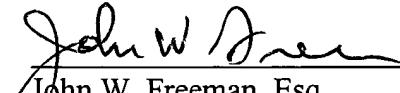
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